Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have not got the explanation. I shall give the purport. He said that he did not notice this tampering until it was actually brought to his notice by the authorities.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the explanation of the Manager?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Manager is a man who does not know English. I had practically to bring this fact to his notice. I thought that he might have tampered, but after having enquired into the matter personally, I discovered that it was almost impossible for him to have tampered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was the mistress sent out of the school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—She was sent out, but she was re-appointed also.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the reason for sending her out?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The reason why she was sent out was that she was 60. But when it was pointed out that she was not 60 she was re-appointed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did she not complain to the Manager that her age was not 60?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—She did complain.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then did he not examine the license?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—He said according te the license in his possession her age must be 60, and therefore he sent her out. It was known to the department that she could not have been 60 because we have the counter-foil, and so she was re-appointed.

The Thiyya Bill.

224. **Mr. K. Ayyappan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether and if so when the Thiyya Bill passed by the Legislative Council is going to be made law?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Thiyya Bill has been passed into law and published in the Gazette.

Persons given enhanced pension.

225. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to give a list of persons who are given more than what they are entitled strictly under the pension rules on retirement, the amount of excess given to each of them, and the reason for giving the same during the last two years ;

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(b) with a list of those who were refused such excess on application and the reasons for the same during the above period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) A statement is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

(b) The information so far collected is appended. (*Appendix III.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In Appendix III, P. S. Peru, peon, Chief Court, no enhancement of pension was given. May I know for how many years he was serving?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In 1105, a peon drawing Rs. 5 was not given an enhancement of pension, when there was no depression. May I know why in the case of Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar an enhancement of Rs. 250 was given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If I remember the wording of the D. P. correctly, I think it was given on account of meritorious work done.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was not this peon also doing the work entrusted to him satisfactorily?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He might have been doing it quite satisfactorily.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was he not given and the other only was given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—On account of the comparative importance of the two posts, I suppose.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the meritorious service done by the other gentleman?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—One should go through the records of his administration for the last 6 years.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will you be able to tell us the signal services rendered by the Ex-Diwan so as to entitle him to receive a special recognition at the hands of Government? Of course it must be signal service. Would the Government be in a position to say what it is so that the House may also take in the appreciation of his service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not venture to detail the several points.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Again in 1106 also, one C. K. Venkitachala Ayyar, Kariakkar, Urakam Devaswam, wanted an enhancement of Re. 1—5—0. And again C. Raman Menon, clerk, wanted only a few annas enhancement. They were refused and may I know why Rao Bahadur P. I. Varugis

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was given an enhancement of Rs. 216—11—0, especially at the time of financial depression?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think there was some special understanding in this case about the pension to which he will be due at the time of retirement.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Understanding between whom?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Between the Durbar and himself.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—At the time of the appointment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what were the terms?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was not at the time of his appointment. It was subsequent to that. It was during the course of his career.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What are the special reasons for entering into a contract after he was appointed. Was there any special reason for that?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Well, I do not know what were the special considerations that induced the Durbar at that time. Anyhow there was a definite understanding about his pension arrived at years ago.

Chittur Municipality—Tax on buffalos and oxen.

226. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any tax is levied by the Chittur Municipality on buffalos and oxen kept for agricultural purpose ;

2. whether there is any such practise in other Municipalities;

2. if so, how much amount has been collected by the Chittur and other Municipalities during the last three years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. Tax is levied in the Chittur Municipality on buffalos and oxen kept within the Municipality, irrespective of the purpose for which they are kept.

2. In the Mattancheri and Trichur Municipalities also a similar tax is levied. In the Ernakulam Municipality no buffalos or oxen are kept for agricultural purposes.

3. Separate accounts are not kept to show the receipt from tax on buffalos or oxen kept for agricultural purposes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any rule by which the buffalos are taxed? In some Municipalities they are

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APPENDIX II.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 225.*)

Statement of enhanced pension granted.

Serial No	Name	Amount eligible Rs.	A.	P.	Amount allowed Rs.	Amount of increase Rs.	A.	P.	Reasons
1	2	3			4	5			6
	1105								
1	Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar, Devaswam Commissioner	268	0	0	275	7	0	0	
2	,, A. V. Krishna Ayyar, Registrar, Chief Court	88	9	0	100	11	7	0	
3	,, K. A. Sankara Menon, retired Tahsildar of Chittur	89	7	0	95	5	9	0	
4	,, T. S. Sesha Ayyar, retired Sanitary Inspector	47	15	0	50	2	1	0	
5	,, K. Achyuta Menon, Puisne Judge	146	4	0	200	53	12	0	
	1106.								
6	,, K. Subramania Ayyar, Headmaster, M. S., Alapad	14	11	0	15	0	5	0	
7	,, Rao Bahadur P. I. Varugis	283	5	0	500	216	11	0	
8	,, Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar	500	0	0	750	250	0	0	
9	,, V. Achyuta Menon, retired Superintendent of Archal	96	11	0	115	18	5	0	
10	,, K. Sankara Menon, P2, Teacher, M. S., Chengalur	Gratuity 160	0	0	Pension 4 per mensem				
11	,, M. Madhavan Nayar, retired Menon, Porkulam Village	3	0	0	6	3	0	0	
12	,, A. P. Poranchu, Teacher, H. S., Trichur	24	3	0	25	0	13	0	
13	,, A. Ramanatha Rao, Superintendent, Comptroller's Office	66	7	0	75	8	9	0	
14	,, A. Kochunni Menon, Cashier, Special Palace Office	12	8	0	15	2	8	0	
15	,, A. Sankara Menon, retired Government Advocate	48	12	0	75	26	4	0	
16	,, C. Govindan Nayar, Anchalman, Trichur	7	7	0	8	0	9	0	
17	,, M. Kochukutta Menon, Laboratary Attender, Maharaja's College	8	5	0	9/8	1	3	0	
18	,, K. Narayana Menon, District Registrar, Ernakulam	46	3	0	50	3	13	0	
19	,, T. M. Krishna Menon, retired Diwan Peishkar	416	12	0	425	8	4	0	
20	,, P. Parameswara Menon, Superintendent, Comptroller's Office	48	6	0	50	1	10	0	
21	Miss. Appu, Supervising Mistress, G. I. S., Trichur	45	0	0	50	5	0	0	
22	Mrs. Kohloff	124	8	0	180	55	8	0	
23	,, K. Govinda Menon, Head clerk, Stamp Office	32	9	0	36	3	7	0	
24	,, P. V. Joseph, retired clerk, Registry Office, Ernakulam	11	3	0	15	3	13	0	
25	,, E. Sankara Menon, Shroff, Cochin-Kanayannur Treasury	29	11	0	35	5	5	0	

Regard being had to the merits of each case.

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APPENDIX III.

(*Vide answer to question No. 225.*)

Statement of refusals of enhanced pensions.

Serial No.	Name	Applied for	Eligible for Rs. A. P.	Granted Rs. A P.	Reasons
1	2	3	4	5	6
	1105.				
1	P. S. Peru, peon, Chief Court	Any pension in excess of maximum of Rs. 5 he was eligible		5 0 0	The facts did not appear to Government to justify any increase.
2	K. Ramaswami Ayyar, second clerk, Northern Divisional Forest Office	Petitioned for Rs. 17—8—0	16 4 0	16 4 0	
	1106.				
1	K. Ramaswami Sastri, Sanskrit Pandit, H. S., Trichur	Maximum pension calculated on revised scale of pay	22 8 0	22 8 0	
2	C. K. Venkitachala Ayyar, Kariakar, Urakam Devaswam	Maximum pension calculated on revised scale of pay Rs. 15	13 11 0	13 11 0	
3	T. Ammunni Menon, clerk, Chief Engineer's Office	40—0—0	32 15 0	32 15 0	
4	C. Raman Menon, clerk, Ernakulam Munsiff's Court	Half his pay as compassionate allowance	4 11 0	4 11 0	
5	K. Gopalan Nayar, Head clerk, Vadakkancheri Munsiff's Court	30—0—0	28 1 0	28 1 0	